

the Biden administration to fix this crisis, what will?

In a dangerous addition, 17 suspected terrorists were caught illegally crossing the border in December, bringing the total number of individuals to 38 who were on the terrorist watch list and caught at the southern border, in just the first 3 months of fiscal year 2023.

How many suspected terrorists have to cross the southern border before the Biden administration will take this border crisis seriously?

To make matters worse, CBP has already seized over 9,000 pounds of fentanyl so far this fiscal year, which is enough to kill more than 2 billion people, over 6 times the population of the United States.

When will the Biden administration finally put an end to the wide-open southern border that allows this deadly drug from China to devastate our communities?

While the White House willfully destroys our southern border and subsequently demolishes our national security, House Republicans are determined to secure the border and put Americans first.

Part of that commitment is ensuring that every solitary individual responsible for this self-inflicted crisis will be held accountable, starting with Secretary Mayorkas, whose impeachment is long overdue.

Without accountability, Americans will not have the safe and secure Nation they deserve.

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REMEMBERING WILLA CASH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mother Willa Cash, a resident of Detroit and community mother in Michigan's 12th Congressional District, as we mourn her recent passing. She was lovingly called Willie by those who knew her well.

Ms. Cash's work touched the lives of so many. She worked for the State of Michigan's Department of Unemployment Services and later the Michigan Department of Human Services before retiring in 1999 after 26 years of service.

Ms. Cash was a caring, compassionate leader in our community. She volunteered her time and energy to the Unity Temple Church of Detroit and Greenwich Park Association block club. She was a proud, lifelong, engaged voter and a member-retiree of the United Auto Workers Region 1-A.

Ms. Cash's love and compassion for her family were extraordinary. Willie and her late husband, James, were married 53 years at the time of his passing, and they were parents of two beautiful twins.

Please join me in recognizing Mother Willa Cash and her contribution to our community as we honor her memory.

DETROIT'S WATER SHUTOFF MORATORIUM

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, just over 3 weeks ago, the city of Detroit's water shutoff moratorium ended, terminating vital protection for Detroit's most vulnerable residents.

We only got the lifesaving moratorium in the first place thanks to years of determined organizing and advocacy from our community's water warriors. Many are the mothers of our neighborhoods.

In response to that organizing and advocacy, the city has now created an affordability plan, but many of the mothers in our community and advocates continue to highlight shortcomings and a lack of awareness amongst struggling Detroiters of the resources available, which leaves thousands still in jeopardy of shutoffs.

For many Americans, water shutoffs are only the beginning. Even after they pay off outstanding debt or arrange for payment plans, reconnection fees further penalize them.

We need to move beyond treating missed payments as a moral failing and acknowledge the reality of families struggling as they try to make ends meet. The cost of water in our country has gone up 400 percent.

In the wealthiest Nation on Earth, there should not be a single family without water. We have had enough of punishing people for being poor. It is time to take our public health seriously and guarantee water as a human right. We all know water is life. It is time we start treating it as such.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH IRANIAN PROTESTERS

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the protesters in Iran. In the streets, they are demanding human rights and women's equality.

The courageous protesters are risking their lives to stop the massive policing and security operations hurting women.

No one protesting for human rights in Iran or anywhere in the United States or anywhere in the world should be met with government violence. No one should be persecuted or executed for fighting for freedom for their sisters, their daughters, or their mothers from oppressive and harmful actions.

Mahsa Amini should be alive today. Countless protesters should be alive today. I stand, and I know we all do, with all the brave and courageous Iranians, especially the young women at the forefront of this movement, who are fighting for liberation and bodily autonomy.

BIDEN BORDER CRISIS CONTINUED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, another month and another record, as the crisis at our southern border has gotten worse.

Under President Biden and Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas' watch,

the Federal Government has completely ceded control of our border to Mexican drug cartels. Yet, time and time again, Secretary Mayorkas has repeatedly claimed that the border is secure. Well, the facts tell a different story.

Late last Friday, CBP reported that December 2022 had the highest number of illegal crossings at our southern border ever recorded—over 251,000 illegal migrant encounters in just 1 month.

In fiscal year 2022, we saw a record-breaking 98 people on the terrorist watch list attempt to cross the border. Since October, we are already on track to break that number, with 38 people caught trying to illegally come into the interior of our country.

How many more suspected terrorists have to cross over the border for this administration to take the crisis seriously?

CBP seized over 9,000 pounds of deadly fentanyl that the cartels attempted to smuggle across our border. That is enough to kill over 2 billion innocent lives.

Madam Speaker, it is far past time that we hold the Biden administration accountable for its complete dereliction of duty to secure our borders. That is why I am glad that, next week, Chairman JORDAN and the House Judiciary Committee will be holding the first of many hearings on this crisis.

Secretary Mayorkas has completely abused his authority and ignored the United States' immigration laws. Questions are coming. I hope the Secretary clears his calendar because we have a lot, and I look forward to getting answers to those questions.

CONGRATULATING RIVERHEADS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Augusta County's own Riverheads High School football team for winning the Virginia Class 1 State football championship this year. This was the Gladiators' 10th State title in the program's history.

A 21-7 halftime lead helped propel the team to a resounding 49-27 victory over George Wythe High School. Riverheads has now won a notable seven consecutive State titles, and junior running back Cayden Cook-Cash, who led the team with 282 rushing yards, said: "People had doubted us. . . . I think we proved them wrong." Cayden and his teammates sure did that.

The Riverheads running game had been strong all season, which allowed the Gladiators to catch the George Wythe Maroons off guard with an impressive seven touchdowns, culminating in an all-around unstoppable offense.

When asked how it felt to take home the title once more, Head Coach Ray Norcross said: "Our kids played hard and played well, and we did enough to win."

Indeed, every State championship is earned, not given, and this squad certainly earned it, finishing out the season with a 12-1 record.